Share of States in Hydro-Electric Power Projects

†4114. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minsiter of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals for increasing the share of the concerned States in hydroelectricity projects has been received by the Ministry;

(b) if so, the names of States asking for the above;

(c) whether the Ministry is considering a proposal to earmark a certain po.tion of income from such projects, for development of the affected areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) No specific proposal from any State Government for increasing its share in hydroelectricity projects has been received in the recent past.

(c) and (d) In a recent amendment to the Tariff Policy, notified on 31st March, 2008 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions, an additional 1% free power from private project would be provided and earmarked for a Local Area Development fund, aimed at providing a regular stream of revenue for income generation and welfare schemes, creation of additional infrastructure and common facilities etc. on a sustained and continued basis over the life of the project. It has been recommended that the host State Government would also provide a matching 1% from their share 12% free power towards this corpus.

Expansion of NTPC Plants

4115. SRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC has planned for further expansion of Talcher Thermal Power Station, Talcher and Super Thermal Power Station, Kaniha in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether some coal blocks have been allotted to NTPC and by when it is planning to start production of these coal mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. At prsent, there is no such proposal.

(c) NTPC Ltd. has been allotted six coal blocks, namely, Pakri Barwadih, Chatti-Bariatu, Kerandari, Dulanga, Talaipalli and Chatti-Bariatu (South).

In addition, Brahmini & Chichro-Patsimal coal blocks have been identified by Ministry of Coal for joint operation by 50:50 Joint Venture (JV) between NTPC and Coal India Limited (CIL).

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